

DECREE OF THE BISHOP OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

20/2025

Decree – Provision – Extinctive Union – Deanery

Suppression of Watagan Deanery to be Subsumed into Newcastle Deanery

Given that

the parishes of Macquarie Pastoral Region and Western Pastoral Region, which comprise the Watagan Deanery each now have a Parish Priest,
the Watagan Deanery has become too small to remain viable,

After hearing the Presbyteral Council, I decree that Watagan Deanery be suppressed and subsumed into Newcastle Deanery.


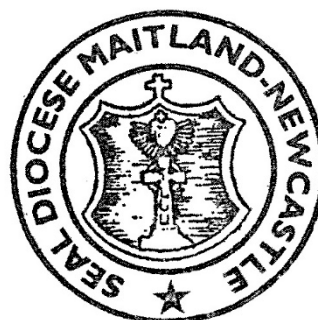
The Newcastle Deanery now comprises the parishes of MacKillop, Jesus the Good Shepherd East Lake Macquarie, All Saints Blackbutt South, Holy Trinity Blackbutt North, St Benedict's Inner Newcastle, St Peter-in-Chains Stockton, Christ the King Mayfield, St Joseph's Toronto, St John Vianney Morisset, Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo, St Michael the Archangel Booragul, Wallsend-Shortland, and Sugarloaf.

There is no change to the Newcastle Dean.

Given at Hamilton, NSW, on this **26th Day of March 2025**



Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle



Very Reverend Matthew Muller VG
Chancellor
Notary

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cc.

1. Very Rev Joseph Figurado, Watagan Dean; and Parish Priest, Parish of All Saints Blackbutt South (Newcastle Deanery)
2. Very Rev Gerard Mackie, Newcastle Dean; and Parish Priest, Jesus the Good Shepherd East Lake Macquarie (Newcastle Deanery)
3. Very Rev Darryl Mackie, Parish Priest, Parishes of Boolaroo, Booragul, Toronto and Morisset (Watagan Deanery)
4. Rev Christian Onukwugha, Parish Priest, Parishes of Sugarloaf and Wallsend-Shortland (Watagan Deanery)
5. Very Rev Gregory Barker VG, Parish Priest, Parishes of St Benedict's Inner Newcastle, Mayfield and Stockton (Newcastle Deanery)
6. Rev Velerian D'Souza, Parish Priest, Parish of Holy Trinity Blackbutt North (Newcastle Deanery)
7. Rev Anthony Potts, Parish Priest, Parish of MacKillop (Newcastle Deanery)
8. Mr Christopher Voigt

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